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Dec.	1.	Mrs. Sheffield.	Dec.	15.	Mrs. Storer.
Jan.	1.	Mrs. Westcott.	Jan.	15.	Mrs. Sheffield.
Feb.	1.	Mrs. Davis.	Feb.	15.	Mrs. Shaw.
March	1.	Miss Palmer.	March	15.	Mrs. Wright.
April	1.	Miss Murdock.	April	15.	Mrs. White.
May	1.	Mrs. Bacon.	May	15.	Mrs. Davis.
June	1.	Mrs. Storer.	June	15.	Mrs. Westcott.
July	1.	Mrs. Teele.	July	15.	Miss Ellis.
Aug.	1.	Mrs. Shaw.	Aug.	15.	Mrs. Bacon.
Sept.	1.	Miss Ellis.	Sept.	15.	Miss Palmer.
Oct.	1.	Mrs. Wright.	Oct.	15.	Mrs. Teele.
Nov.	1.	Mrs. White.	Nov.	15.	Miss Murdock.

Regular meetings of the Trustees are held at the Home on the second Friday in January, February, April, May, July, August, October, and November, and on the second Saturday in March, June, September, and December.

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OF

THE AVON HOME.

THE end of its twenty-first year finds the Avon Home not quite in its usual prosperity, although free from debt, and having a record of as good work as our limited means would allow.

There have been in the Home our full number of children, — forty at a time, — never more, and, except for the little time necessary for the changes of going out and coming in, never less. We have admitted to the Home during the past year twelve children, — the others remain from last year, — and as forty is our limit, we have been obliged to refuse many urgent applications. Of those who have left us, one has been taken into an excellent family, where she will probably be adopted; the others have all returned to the care of their parents, or other relatives, not always with our approbation, but because we had no legal hold upon them.

We have been much favored in the continued interest and care of our excellent matron; and the assistant matron proves valuable, having taken good care while the principal was absent on a long vacation. The generous and skilful physicians who give their services have been prompt and kind; and our twelve cases of measles, and many other diseases to which children are liable, have been happily cured. One little baby, brought as we supposed only to die, is thriving under the kind care of our nurse. There has been no death in the Home for three years past.

We were made happy at Christmas by the often-repeated invitations of the First Parish Church, of Miss Manson's Kindergarten, of Dr. Briggs's church, and a private tree at Mrs. Carruth's, from all receiving some article of value or entertainment for each child. They were able to accept all the invitations. For summer excursions, two were given by two of the Trustees; Mrs. F. A. Kennedy gave two, and the West End Railroad presented us with a hundred car-tickets. Our list of individual gifts is very large this year. Clubs have given us very valuable clothing, and the half-worn garments of good material from private homes have been most acceptable. The interest is certainly increasing, and we ought to look on the bright side. But our largest annual subscriptions have been very much missed. Some friends have died, and some moved away.

The demands upon our resources, both of time and money, have been greater than ever. Repairs upon the house have been expensive; and one case of scarlet fever, cared for and cured at the Hospital, was an unexpected use of money, although the expense was much lessened through the consideration of the Trustees of the Hospital. We have had also, through the summer months, instead of a kindergarten a "kitchen garden," where the children were taught the first principles of thorough house-work, learning by object lessons the best way of airing rooms, making beds, and arranging and waiting upon tables, admitting visitors at the door, and doing other work systematically. This was an added expense, but well worth its price. Two little boys who left us this summer are reported as helping their mother in making their home neat and orderly.

We received a little more than eight hundred dollars from our reception and sale on May Day, not counting the time and hard work of the Trustees. We hoped to feel less anxious, with this addition to our resources, but

we are obliged to admit that, unless friends had given timely assistance, our accounts of the year would not have left us without debt, or without using the Emergency Fund, — given us to relieve our anxieties in summer, and to give some security when we had unexpected expenses. We hoped to keep it intact for years, until our Home should be on a surer foundation. We have not the means of extending our usefulness much beyond supplying food, decent clothes, and fresh air.

Through the generosity of the Founder of our Home, we own a farm which is given without restrictions and is now rented at a small sum. It would give us great satisfaction if we could use this place as a refuge for the boys who are too old to stay in the Home, and yet ought not to be returned to the poor influences from which they came. If they could be taught skilful farming, or other manual labor, it might make them good citizens. The Farm School and the Liversidge Institute have taken some of our boys, but they are apt to be too full when we make application.

We hear from police officers, and from private individuals, that in our city a class of boys and girls are growing up who, unless something is done to prevent, will become what in England are called "the dangerous classes;" those who fill the prisons when they are older, and who make property, and even life, unsafe. We make an appeal to the citizens of Cambridge to help us in our attempt to give good principles and good habits to these children under our roof. Many of them come from poor, neglected homes, from alleys and cellars, and miserable, ignorant parents. If we are not vigilant in our care for these neglected young children, we shall have, by and by, a class to be dreaded, like those described by Dickens, and later by our lecturers upon political economy and our philanthropists in England and America.

But these people are not the only class who ask our

assistance. We have those who, worthy and industrious, are obliged by sickness and misfortune to find a refuge for their children while the father or mother is in a hospital, or otherwise disabled; and it is a great boon to them to feel easy as to the food, good air, and good influences upon their children in the absence of their natural guardians.

We feel that in begging for our Home we are also begging for the benefit of many private homes in the city of Cambridge; and if we seem to be persistent, it is because we earnestly wish that our neighbors would carefully look into the work of our charity, give us wise suggestions and helping hands. They would then aid us because they were interested friends, and not "because of our importunity."

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH S. STORER.

The Home has sustained a sad loss by the death of Mr. S. S. Sleeper. The following notice was placed upon our records, and sent to his family: —

The Trustees of the Avon Home have heard with deep interest and sorrow of the prolonged illness and death of their valued associate, Mr. S. S. SLEEPER. In the early days of the Home, in its time of struggle and anxiety, Mr. Sleeper was a cheerful, kindly helper, with material aid and judicious advice. His interest has never ceased, and his financial skill has been of great use even after his failing strength prevented his attending the meeting of the Board.

The Trustees wish to assure his family and friends of their sympathy with them in their bereavement, and to place upon record their appreciation of his benevolent, lovely character; of his many benefits to the charities of Cambridge, and especially to that of the Avon Home.

FORM FOR LEGACY.

I give and bequeath to THE AVON HOME, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, the sum of Dollars, to be used for the general purposes of the Corporation.

PERMANENT FUND OF THE AVON HOME.

Cambridge Horticultural Society Permanent Fund	$531.19
Legacy of Mrs. Lucy C. Tyler	200.00
Legacy of Mrs. Mary H. Flagg	9,333.91
Holly Tree	4,000.00
Mary Cheever Chandler Memorial Fund	150.00
Donation from Daniel H. Richards	100.00
T. B. Mackay Fund	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Clarissa B. Rindge	2,500.00
Legacy of Mrs. Anna M. Woodman	5,000.00
Gracie A. Smith Memorial Fund	500.00
Donation from William Taggard Piper	500.00
Donation from a Friend	2,000.00
Legacy of Moses Wildes, 2d	2,000.00
Elizabeth H. Foxcroft Memorial Fund	303.82
Helen L. Edmands Memorial Fund	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Caroline A. Wood	2,500.00
Legacy of Miss Mary E. Reed	172.13
Legacy of Mrs. Eliza P. Wilson	500.00
Legacy of Mrs. Emily Burleigh	500.00
Donation of Francis C. Foster	1,000.00
Legacy of Henry R. Glover	1,000.00
Legacy of Samuel Longfellow	500.00
Legacy of Jonathan W. Bemis	500.00
Legacy of Mrs. S. E. W. Brackett	5,000.00
	$40,791.05

Emergency Fund $500.00

The Permanent and Emergency Funds are invested as follows: —

Notes secured by Mortgages	$21,600.00
Bonds	15,500.00
Railway Shares	3,606.00
Savings Bank deposit	585.05

Dr. THE TREASURER, *in Account with* THE AVON HOME. Cr.

1894, Nov. 1.

Balance, Cash on hand from old account		$2,372.99
To Cash from year ending November 8, 1895: —		
Fair at 49 Linnæan Street by Avon Club	$65.50	
Collection at St. John's Memorial Chapel for 1895	84.05	
One half of Thanksgiving Collection at Union Service in Hope Church	5.28	
Prospect Street Congregational Society	30.31	
Harvard Street Methodist Society	10.00	
First Universalist Benevolent Society	10.00	
A class in Shepard Sunday School	12.32	
Collection at St. John's Memorial Chapel for 1896	87.15	
Individual Donations	894.50	
Annual Subscriptions	987.00	
Annual Subscription for 1896	15.00	
Board	462.50	
General Income	1,701.92	
May Sale	847.87	
Rent of Farm in Concord	325.00	
Legacy of Samuel Longfellow	500.00	
Legacy of Jonathan W. Bemis	500.00	
Legacy of Mrs. S. E. W. Brackett	5,000.00	
		11,538.40
		$13,911.39

November 8, 1895. Audited and approved by

SARAH S. STORER.
OLIVER H. DURRELL.

1895, Nov. 8.

By Cash paid for Expenses of the Home: —		
Salary of Matron and Employees	$2,088.48	
Provisions and Groceries	1,927.96	
Fuel, Gas, and Water	439.28	
Boots, Clothing, and Dry Goods	251.47	
House Utensils	37.84	
Improvements and Repairs	172.89	
Repainting the House	273.80	
Druggist	27.90	
Printing	71.50	
Board	15.40	
Board in Isolation Ward, Cambridge Hospital	96.28	
Excursions	20.00	
Tax on Farm in Concord	90.00	
Premium on Investments	227.95	
Sundries	44.11	
		$5,784.86
Furnishing		20.35
Invested for Permanent Fund		8,000.00
The balance is apportioned as follows: —		
Held for Furnishing	27.21	
Cash on hand for Current Expenses	78.97	
		106.18
		$13,911.39

MARY A. ELLIS, *Treasurer*.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Mrs. George W. Abbot	$5.00
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Mrs. John Bartlett	5.00
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Miss S. C. Bent	2.00
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Silas B. Buck	5.00
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Mrs. S. F. Burt	1.00
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D. U. Chamberlin	10.00*
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Mrs. Newell Chamberlain	1.00
Mrs. H. L. Chandler	1.00
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Mrs. John Crawford	1.00
Mrs. Mary Walton Dewey	1.00
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Miss A. M. Goodwin	5.00
Mrs. H. B. Goodwin	5.00
Miss Gray	1.00
Mrs. Asa Gray	10.00
Miss E. W. Green	2.00
Mrs. James Greenleaf	20.00
Mrs. L. B. Grover	1.00
Mrs. C. L. Harding	$10.00
Miss Elizabeth Harris	1.00
Miss C. A. Hedge	5.00
Miss M. L. Heywood	1.00
Mrs. J. L. Hildreth	5.00
Mrs. S. B. Hildreth	25.00
Mrs. W. L. Hooper	5.00
H. O. Houghton	25.00
Mrs. M. G. Howe	5.00
Mrs. C. E. Hubbard	10.00
Mr. Robert J. Hudson	1.00
Mrs. M. E. Hyde	2.00
Mrs. Anna E. Jones	2.00
Mr. B. M. Jones	5.00
Mrs. C. L. Jones	10.00
Mrs. H. E. Jones	5.00
C. W. Kingsley	100.00
Mrs. W. B. Lambert	5.00
Mrs. F. B. Lane	10.00
Mrs. Lawrence	2.00
Mrs. William Lawrence	30.00†
Mrs. G. V. Leverett	20.00
Mrs. N. F. Lincoln	2.00*
Mrs. Francis Maguire	1.00
Miss Annie Moore	1.00
Miss Jennie Moore	1.00
Mrs. S. L. Montague	10.00
Miss Helen W. Munroe	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Munroe	20.00
Miss Murdock	10.00
J. J. Myers	5.00
Miss Sarah R. Neal	2.00
Rev. and Mrs. J. T. G. Nichols	2.00
Mrs. Fred. Odiorne	1.00
Miss S. H. Page	1.00
Miss Jeannie W. Paine	15.00
Mrs. Cazneau Palfrey	3.00
Miss L. M. Palmer	20.00
Mrs. Edmund M. Parker	10.00
Mrs. F. G. Peabody	10.00
Mrs. Franklin Perrin	1.00
Mrs. F. W. A. Pike	1.00
Mrs. W. T. Piper	5.00
Mrs. P. G. Porter	1.00
Mrs. David Proudfoot	1.00
Mrs. Henry C. Rand	5.00
Mrs. M. E. Rand	5.00
Miss Edith Raymond	1.00
Mrs. W. H. Raymond	1.00
Charles C. Read	5.00
William Read	10.00*
Mrs. W. M. Richardson	5.00
Mrs. W. T. Richardson	5.00

* Subscriptions for 1894 and 1895.

† Subscriptions for 1895 and 1896.

Mrs. G. F. Ricker	$1.00
Miss E. N. Robinson	1.00
Miss M. W. Robinson	1.00
Mrs. G. E. Ryder	1.00
Mrs. A. H. Saville	5.00
Mrs. W. T. Sears	5.00
Miss M. T. Sedgwick	5.00
Mrs. Mary C. Shaw	2.00
Mrs. George Sheffield	5.00
Mrs. M. E. Simmons	3.00
Mrs. Billings Smith	1.00
Mrs. Chauncey Smith	5.00
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Mrs. J. C. Wellington	1.00
Mrs. W. W. Wellington	1.00
Mrs. Henry Westcott	5.00
Mrs. J. G. White	20.00
Mrs. S. B. Whiting	1.00
Mrs. W. P. Wiggin	5.00
Mrs. A. Wood	1.00
Miss Mary Woodman	50.00*
Mrs. T. F. Wright	5.00
A Friend	10.00

INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS.

Miss Anne W. Abbot	$25.00
Mrs. Sumner Albee	5.00
F. R. C.	10.00
Miss Campbell	5.00
Mrs. Richard Cary	10.00
Curtis Davis & Co.	25.50
J. E. Dennison	1.00
In memory of Dickie	1.00
E. S. Dixwell	100.00
Oliver H. Durrell	15.00
Mrs. Emily Everett	20.00
T. B. Gannett	50.00
Mr. Charles G. Greene	10.00
Mrs. H. E. Holmes	1.00
Miss Catherine J. Ireland	5.00
Mrs. M.	3.00
William A. Munroe	50.00
Miss Murdock	20.00
Nath'l C. Nash	25.00
William H. Neal	25.00
Miss Grace Norton	5.00
Mrs. Laura Oppenheimer	5.00
Miss Jeannie W. Paine	3.00
Miss Ruth E. Parker	2.50
Misses Peabody	$50.00
William Taggard Piper	25.00
Mrs. John L. Ross	40.00
H. C. S.	15.00
Mrs. George Sheffield	2.50
Mrs. I. M. Spelman	2.00
Miss Abby A. Steele	10.00
Mrs. R. B. Storer	50.00
Ezra F. Taft	5.00
Miss C. A. Taggard	5.00
Mrs. J. G. Thorp	25.00
Miss Anna E. Tower	1.00
Mrs. John Trowbridge	5.00
John Wilson & Son	10.00
Miss Mary Woodman	25.00
Walter Woodman	20.00
Mrs. Gertrude E. Wright	5.00
Henry D. Yerxa	50.00
A Friend	2.00
A Friend	5.00
A Friend	10.00
A Friend	10.00
A Friend	100.00

Donations of money can be sent to any of the Trustees, or to the Treasurer, Miss MARY A. ELLIS, 1756 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge.

Miscellaneous Donations for the Year ending October 31, 1895.

1894. **November.** Mrs. I. M. Spelman, three wool hoods; Mrs. Mandell, four flannel nightgowns, one skirt, two yards flannel; Charles River Baptist Sunday School, three baskets fruit; Mrs. R. N. Toppan, four infants' nightgowns, one boy's suit, two pairs slippers, three infants' jackets, one gingham dress, one hood, one girl's jacket, seven skirts, one pair stockings, one pair leggings; Hold Fast Circle, one apron; Mrs. Stewart, four woollen hoods, two dolls' hats; Mrs. James Means, Boston, eight pairs trousers, three coats, four nightgowns, one pair slippers, one pair rubber boots, one pair rubbers, two pairs boots; Mrs. Goodridge, Belmont, one blackboard, toys, and blocks; Mrs. Quincy A. Shaw, cut flowers; Donnison Tower, one suit, one pair trousers, two shirts, two games; Miss Farley, one waist, one dozen Castile soap, ten pounds flour, and books; Mrs. H. B. Goodwin's Sunday-School class, First Parish Church, two baskets fruit; Mr. D. Brewer, eleven chickens; Miss Hayward's class, First Parish Church, apples, oranges, and grapes; Mrs. R. N. Toppan, one turkey; Mrs. Harry Ellis, three nightgowns, one pair rubber boots; Miss Margaret Chapman's class, First Parish Church, apples, oranges, and grapes; Miss Elsie Storer's Sunday-School class, nine pairs flannel drawers; Mrs. H. Westcott, one turkey; Y. L. H. M. Society, St. John's Memorial Church, apples and potatoes.

December. Mrs. W. H. Johnson, two pairs drawers, one nightgown, two white aprons, two skirts, two dresses, one hat; Master Charles G. Carruth, two pairs boots; Prospect Street Sewing Society, twelve flannel waists; Frank and Willie Maurer, one coat, one pair mittens, one hat, one pair rubbers; First Parish Church, basket fruit and refreshments; The Club, one pair flannel drawers, two flannel skirts, two dresses, two aprons; Mrs. S. G. Bulfinch, child's carriage rug; Master C. G. Carruth, one pair rubber boots; Mrs. George L. Goodale, one boy's suit, two pairs night-drawers, one coat; Sewing Club, "Limited," one cotton dress; New Church Sewing Society, seven flannel dresses; Mrs. Charles Harris, material for four dresses; Mrs. W. B. Storer, for the Guild, two flannel skirts; A Friend, summer underwear, boys' clothing, ties, boots, and stockings; A Friend, boys' suits, night-drawers; William and Elizabeth Piper, box oranges; Nancy and Ralph Piper, two boxes toys; Mrs. Walter E. Stone, handkerchiefs; Mr. James Mellen, two barrels apples; Mrs. George Dexter, two hoods, two afghans; Doliber, Goodale & Co., one dozen Mellin's Food; Mrs. Louisa P. Baldwin, box canned peas; Miss Harris, for The Bee, towels; Mrs. William H. Raymond, one tricycle; Prospect Street Church, box apples, bag of potatoes; Mrs. J. T. G. Nichols, coat, trousers, shirt, stockings, books, and toys; Mrs. F. A. Kennedy, box of oranges, two turkeys; Miss Helen W. Munroe, two packages gifts for the children; Miss Whitney, two cakes; Rachel W. Coolidge, one doll's carriage, three dolls; Miss Abbie Coolidge, infant's coat, dress, hood, four pairs boots; Mrs. S. H. Swan, box apples; Mr. T. Beane, box oranges; Frederick Morash, clothing; Frank Maurer, candy, etc.; Beatrice Quinn, doll, books, and card; Eliot & Duvey, barge to and from the First Parish Church; Miss Manson's Kindergarten, Christmas-tree and gifts; First Parish Church, Christmas entertainment and gifts; Austin Street Unitarian Sunday School, Christmas entertainment and gifts; Mrs. C. T. Carruth, entertainment and Christmas-tree; Miss Teele, four bottles perfumery, nine handkerchiefs; Miss Alice Hovey, one infant's flannel wrapper, one sack, one cap; The Club, five pairs flannel drawers, two gingham aprons, one

dress, one pair drawers, one skirt; Mr. James H. Wyeth, box oranges; Shepard Memorial Church Sewing Society, one dozen waists; Miss Mann, one rocking-horse, one chair, one girl's sled; Miss Graves, thread, needles, pins, scissors.

1895. **January.** The Guild, two flannel skirts; Mrs. Yerxa, barrel flour; Mr. James Mellen, barrel apples; Harry W. Appleton, package "Youth's Companions;" Mrs. M. W. Dewey, one scrap-book; Mrs. S. S. Sias, two garments, two undervests, one hat, one picture for Sunshine Room; A Friend, thirty yards crash, three table-cloths, forty yards gingham, eight yards pillow cotton, twelve yards unbleached cotton, three pieces sheeting, one piece unbleached pillow cotton, one piece crash; Prospect Street Sewing Society, twelve flannel nightgowns, work on fourteen cotton nightgowns; The Club, three pairs flannel drawers.

February. Harvard Street M. E. Society, one nightgown, one apron; Mrs. C. L. Harding, four pieces dress goods; Winifred Rogers, valentines; Amy Ham, valentines and "Youth's Companions;" Agnes Bradeen, cards and valentines; Frank Eustis, four pairs stockings; Mrs. J. C. Allen, two pairs drawers, two skirts, one cotton dress, one shirt, one waist, one flannel skirt; Sewing Society, "Limited," nine nightgowns, one apron; Miss Annie Dunbar, one flannel nightgown; Photograph Club, refreshments; Willing Workers, North Avenue Baptist Society, work on twenty-four towels.

March. St. Agnes Guild, St. Peter's Church, twenty-three bibs; The Guild, two flannel nightgowns, two flannel skirts; Wednesday Club, nine skirts, four dresses; Mr. Robert Walcott, books; Mr. O. H. Durrell, thread, pins, buttons, etc.; Mrs. Stewart, fifteen flannel skirts; Donnison Tower, one coat; Mrs. W. H. Johnson, three jackets; Mrs. Eustis, one pair boots, one jacket; Mrs. Woodbridge, West Newton, eight towels; Miss Tower, one cot, one wringer; The Guild, two flannel skirts; Mrs. M. P. White, one baby-carriage; A Friend, child's carriage; Mrs. Quincy A. Shaw, flowers.

April. "Limited," six aprons, four nightgowns; Mrs. G. B. Roberts, one dress, two garments; Austin Street Sewing Society, eighteen aprons; Morrill Wyman Jr., four pieces underwear; Mrs. Walter Woodman, eight boys' shirt-waists, two jackets, two sailor suits, four hats, nine dresses, two shirt-waists, one pair bedroom slippers, three collars, two pairs cuffs, one pair rubbers; Cricket Club, sewing on twelve sheets; Miss M. L. Drew, four infants' slips; Frances Goodwin, one tricycle; Mrs. E. W. Grandgent, one dress, two hats, one pair trousers, one pair boots, one cotton dress, one pair stockings and boots; Mrs. R. N. Toppan, six nightgowns, one bib, two jackets, two guimpes, three dresses, one waterproof; A Friend, box infants' clothing; "A loving Easter greeting to our little ones, from a King's Daughter," books, cards, two dolls, four aprons, one skirt; "Do What You Can" King's Daughter, Easter cards; The Club, five pairs drawers, two flannel skirts, one jacket, two aprons, one waist; Mrs. I. M. Spelman, six aprons, four pairs drawers, one skirt, two shirt-waists, one blouse, one cotton dress, two nightgowns, eight pillow-slips; Doliber & Goodale, pictures; The Basket Club, three large aprons, eight woollen dresses, six cotton dresses, three aprons, twelve pairs drawers, six waists; Mrs. Wyeth, two pictures.

May. The Guild, five flannel skirts; The Bee, one nightgown, two aprons, one pair drawers; North Avenue Universalist Church, ten pairs shoes; Mr. A. J. Lovell, barrel flour; Mrs. S. L. Rogers, package clothing, three pairs boots; Mrs. M. P. White, eight shirt-waists, one dress, two pairs trousers; North Avenue Congregational Society, sewing on six nightgowns, six sheets, six pillow-slips; Girls' Friendly Society, Christ Church, two infants' skirts, one flannel slip, one jacket, one cotton dress, two cotton slips, one flannel skirt, sewing on fourteen aprons; Robert E. Sands, three boxes

fancy crackers; Mrs. W. W. Goodwin, box toys, etc.; Miss Seavey, books and papers; Mr. Aaron Hale, use of carriage; Mrs. William Cook, two pairs trousers, two coats, one hat, three undervests, stockings, two pairs drawers; for the Francis Gilman memorial room, by Miss Ropes' King's Daughters Circle, six sheets, eight pillow-slips, eight towels; Mrs. Frank A. Hill's class, three sheets, three pillow-slips, four towels; Mrs. Smith's class, three sheets, three pillow-slips, four towels; Mrs. Wallace's class, four sheets, three pillow-slips, four towels.

June. Miss Helen Storer, two aprons; Mrs. F. I. Eustis, one blouse, two jackets; Shepard Guild, seven flannel skirts, one nightgown, one apron; No Name Club, one blouse, four flannel skirts, twenty-one aprons; Mrs. William Cook, three shirts, five pairs boots, four pairs slippers, one jacket, one dress, one shirt-waist, toys; Mrs. W. H. Johnson, two cotton dresses, six pairs stockings, four dresses, two jackets, shirt-waist, and piece dress goods; Mrs. Edward Read, two pairs shoes, two pairs stockings, toys; The Old Bee Club, three nightgowns; The Club, through Miss Haskins, seventeen waists, thirteen pairs flannel drawers, two aprons, four pairs cotton drawers, one woollen cap; Cricket Club, sewing on six nightgowns; Mr. J. G. Thorp, three dozen tennis balls; Miss Hill, one skirt; Mrs. W. A. Mandell, two flannel skirts; Lookout Club, twenty-four pictures; Mrs. A. Blackburn, "Babyhood" for one year.

July. The Old Bee Club, one apron; Club, "Limited," twelve aprons, nine nightgowns; Mrs. Stewart, Easter gifts; Holdfast Club, six aprons; Mrs. Westcott, ice-cream; Mrs. E. F. Taft, boy's clothing; Miss Horsford, books, toys, and clothing; Crystalized Salt Company, box salt, box cereals; Flower Mission, flowers.

August. Mr. Dean, cut flowers; Helen Whittemore, package papers; Flower Mission, flowers; Mrs. Porter, Arlington, two suits boys' clothing; Mrs. Studley, two skirts, one holder.

September. Mr. Dean, cut flowers; Mrs. William Lockhart, Belmont, pears; Mr. G. E. Ricker, cleaning carpet; Mrs. J. W. Bemis, two baskets pears; Mrs. C. L. Harding, pears; "Woodward Ten," twenty sheets, fifteen pillow-cases, twenty-one towels; Mrs. C. F. Dunbar, seven aprons, four waists, two nightgowns, four pairs drawers, one dress, two knit veils, two skirts; Mr. W. H. Neal, tomatoes.

October. Mr. J. L. Paine, box pears; Mrs. F. I. Eustis, two coats, one suit, four underwaists, one dress, two waists; Mrs. Warren, Watertown, one barrel pears; Willing Workers of North Avenue Baptist Church, sewing on towels; Miss Ellis, pears and grapes; Mrs. J. W. Bemis, three baskets pears; Mrs. Lockhart, pears; Mrs. S. H. Swan, pears; from 67 Sparks Street, one sporting wagon, one bicycle, baby's jacket, socks, and hood; A Friend, barrel pears; Mrs. J. F. Barton, pears; Mrs. Storer, basket peaches; A Friend, one squash; Virginia Phalen, books; Margaret Sutton, books; for Jane C. Thayer room, from Ladies' Home Missionary and Church Aid Society of Shepard Memorial Church, eighteen large pillow-cases, twenty-six small pillow-cases, twenty-two towels, twenty-three sheets; for Sunshine room, sixteen sheets, thirteen towels, twelve pillow-cases; "H. M. S.," four sheets, three pillow-cases, one towel; Little Helpers, sixteen sheets, twelve pillow-cases, sixteen towels; Oak Grove Creamery Co., six quarts milk daily, in addition to the quantity purchased.

BY-LAWS OF THE AVON HOME.

Article I.

Name. — The name of this Corporation shall be "The Avon Home." Its object shall be to provide a Home for Children found destitute within the limits of Cambridge.

Article II.

Membership. — The members of this Corporation shall be seventeen in number, to be called Trustees. Vacancies shall be caused by death, resignation, or by failure to attend for twelve consecutive months some meeting of the Corporation, without excuse satisfactory to the Trustees. When such failure occurs, the Trustees shall by vote record the fact, and declare the membership vacant. Vacancies shall be filled by the unanimous vote of the remaining Trustees. This article of the By-Laws shall not be altered, except by the unanimous vote of the Trustees.

Article III.

Officers. — The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Clerk, and two Auditors, to be chosen by ballot from the Trustees at the annual meeting, or at some adjournment thereof, and to hold office for one year, and until their successors are elected and qualified. They shall severally perform the customary duties of such officers ; and the President, or a committee previously appointed for the purpose, and Treasurer shall report at the annual meeting. The accounts

of the Treasurer shall be audited at least once every year. The Trustees may, from time to time, appoint committees to aid in the transaction of business.

At the annual meeting the Trustees shall elect, to serve till the next annual meeting, a Board of Advisers, to consist of five or more persons, not Trustees, who may be called upon to consult and advise with the Trustees, and may be requested to meet with any of their committees or to assist in their work.

Article IV.

Meetings. — The annual meeting of the Corporation shall be held at the Avon Home on the second Friday in November, at such hour as the Trustees may appoint. Regular meetings shall be held every month at some convenient place. Special meetings may be called by the President or any two Trustees, upon two days' notice, to be given by the Clerk. Nine Trustees shall constitute a quorum at the annual meeting, and seven Trustees at any regular or special meeting.

Article V.

Seal. — The seal of the Corporation shall be circular in form, with the inscription, "The Avon Home, Cambridge, 1874," and shall be kept by the Clerk.

Article VI.

Amendments. — These By-Laws, with the exception of Article II., may be amended by a majority vote of all the Trustees at any annual meeting, or by the unanimous vote of the Trustees at any regular or special meeting, provided that a notice of the proposed amendment has been inserted in the call for such meeting.

RULES OF THE AVON HOME

I. In admitting destitute children to the Home, preference shall be given in the following order: *First*, to orphans and foundlings; *Secondly*, to those whose parents or guardians surrender them to the Corporation for the purpose of adoption, or during minority; and *Thirdly*, to those not so surrendered.

Boys over seven and girls over twelve years of age shall not be admitted to the Home; and, in general, boys over nine and girls over thirteen shall not remain at the Home.

Any child admitted to the Home temporarily, without the parent or guardian giving up the child to the Corporation, in writing, for the purpose of adoption or during minority, shall be admitted for a definite time only; and at the end of that time, if the same reasons continue to exist, the Trustees may re-admit the child for a further definite time, unless the child is given up as above stated; provided that, before such second admission, the parent or guardian shall sign a paper giving up the child to the Corporation for adoption, unless removed within six months after the end of the designated period of re-admission.

II. Except in cases of urgent necessity, no child shall be admitted to the Home without the consent, in writing, of two members of the Committee on Admission, or should there not be two members in the city, of any three Trustees, and a certificate of examination from the Visiting Physician. The action of the Committee on Admission shall be reported to the Corporation for approval at its next regular meeting, accompanied by a brief statement of the circumstances.

III. Every child must be vaccinated before entering the Home, unless specially excused by the Committee on Admission.

IV. No child shall be allowed, except in an emergency, to be out of the Home after 7 P. M., without a special written permit from one of the Committee on Admission and the consent of the Matron, previously obtained.

V. All the children shall attend the same Protestant church and Sunday School, unless specially excused by vote of the Corporation.

VI. In case of death, no child shall be taken from the Home for burial without a religious service being held at the Home, except with the consent of one of the Committee on Admission, who fully understands the reasons for removal.

VII. The parents and relatives of the children shall be admitted to the Home on Thursdays, also on the first Sunday of each month, from 3 to 5 P. M., and at no other times, except by a special written permit from one of the Trustees. The nursery and playroom only shall be open to the parents and relatives of the children, except in cases of sickness.

Others interested in the Home will be welcome at any time.

VIII. The Matron and Assistant Matron shall not be absent from the Home at the same time.

IX. At the annual meeting, or as soon thereafter as possible, the President shall appoint the Monthly Visitors for the ensuing year, arranged in two lists, those on one list to begin visiting on the first of each month, and those on the other list to begin on the fifteenth, each to visit the Home one month. It shall be the duty of the Visitors, during their term, to visit the Home at least twice a week, and at various hours of the day, some of these visits to be on the visiting days for parents; to examine all parts of the house and to report in writing at the regular meeting, stating the number of children at the Home and the changes that have occurred since the last meeting.

X. The Standing Committees of the Corporation, to be appointed by the President at the annual meeting, shall be as follows: —

1. A Committee on Admission, who, in addition to the duties mentioned above, shall keep a register containing the names,

ages, and birthplaces of the children, date of admission, and any other information obtained.

2. A Committee on Adoption and Discharge, who shall be thoroughly acquainted with the case of every child placed in the Home, and shall, so far as possible, secure permanent homes elsewhere for those given up to the Corporation. They shall also continue to have an oversight of all children who have left the Home, but have not returned to their parents or immediate relatives.

3. A Committee on Clothing, who shall have entire charge of all clothing that goes into the Home, and shall attend to all cutting done there. Every gift of clothing of any kind, if sent first to the Home, must be laid aside by the Matron, and not used till examined by one of the committee. Every gift of goods or money for clothing is to go to the chairman of the committee.

4. A Committee on Provisions and House Supplies, who shall have entire charge of that department. All bills for such supplies, after approval by one of the committee, are to be paid monthly.

5. A Committee on Repairs, who shall attend promptly to all necessary repairs, when the amount to be expended does not exceed fifty dollars; an amount exceeding that sum must not be expended without previously obtaining the consent of the Corporation.

6. A Committee on Investments, who shall advise with the Treasurer in regard to the investment of the permanent and other funds.

The chairman of each committee shall present at the annual meeting a full report, in writing, of the work of the committee for the preceding year.